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See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Specification (preferred arrangement set forth below)
-Descriptive title of the Invention
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-Statement Regarding Fed Sponsored R&D
-Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
-Background of the Invention
-Brief Summary of the Invention
-Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
-Detailed Description
-Claim(s)
-Abstract of the Disclosure
Total Pages **56**
- ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) (Figs. 1-8) Total Sheets **7**
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 - ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
- ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

- ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

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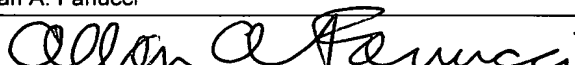
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☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of application no. **PCT/FR02/02646**, filed **July 24, 2002**

Prior Application Information: Examiner: _____ Group Art Unit: _____

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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Docket Number	Anticipated Classification of this Application		Prior Application Examiner	Art Unit
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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior international application number **PCT/FR02/02646** filed **July 24, 2002**, entitled in **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SPLITTING SUBSTRATES**, which designated the United States.

Note: 37 CFR 1.53(d) cannot be used to file a continuation or divisional application of an international application which has not entered the national stage.

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 - ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
 - ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 - ☐ A newly executed declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 is enclosed.
 - ☒ Priority of Application No. FR0110537, filed **August 7, 2001** in **France**, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☒ Please direct all communication for this matter to **Customer Number 28765**.

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4717-13200	TBA	Utility Patent Application Transmittal; Specification 56 pages including 41 claims; Formal Drawings 1-8 (7 sheets); Application Fee Sheet (in duplicate); Copy of Inventors' Declaration (3 pages) (unexecuted); Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449, 7 refs.

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